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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

SUBJECT: TAIWANESE APPROACH TO GOI RE CONSULAR, COMMERCIAL

- 1. ASIAN AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRECTOR LAOR TOLD EMBOFF SEPT 12 THAT ISRAEL IN 1973 HAD HAD TWO VISITS BY ACADEMICIAN FROM TAIWAN WHICH HAD EVERY APPEARANCE OF BEING INSPIRED BY ROC. VISITOR WAS UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR NAMED TU KUAN SUN, WHO CAME FIRST TIME LAST WINTER AND SECOND IN JULY. JUDGING FROM HIS ACTIVITIES HE SEEMED BOTH TIMES TO BE COLLECTING POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE.
- 2. VISITOR DURING FIRST VISIT STATED GOC WANTED TO ESTABLISH CONSULATE AND COMMERCIAL MISSION IN TEL AVIV. AFTER CHECKING, FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD HIM CONSULATE COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED. DURING JULY VISIT, FOREIGN MINISTRY GAVE VISITOR GOI REPLY RE COMMERCIAL MISSION: AFFIRMATIVE.
- 3. IN JULY VISITOR ASKED WHETHER EL AL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING ROUTE TO TAIWAN. FOREIGN MINISTRY REPLIED THAT ANSWER WOULD DEPEND ON CONCRETE ARRANGEMENTS GOC WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER. AT BEGINNING OF SEPT LAOR RECEIVED LETTER FROM TU KUAN SUN, SAYING HE HAD EXPLORED IDEA OF CIVIL CONFIDENTIAL

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AIR LINK FURTHER ON RETURNING TO TAIWAN AND HAD FOUND ENTHUSIASM

FOR IDEA FROM ECONOMIC VIEWPOINT, AS RESULT OF WHICH IDEA WAS NOW UNDER EXAMINATION FROM POLITICAL VIEWPOINT, AND DECISION ON WHETHER TO PUT PROPOSAL TO GOI WAS UP IN AIR.

4. LAOR ASKED FOR US REACTION TO ABOVE. REQUEST DEPT'S GUIDANCE ON WHAT EMBASSY MAY SAY TO MINISTRY ON THIS MATTER. KEATING

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